It is mid Term already….we are busy across the whole school. Mrs Robinson continues to participate in the L3 Program…Language, Literacy and Learning. The K-2 staff are also participating in Training with a Numeracy Program entitled ‘10’. This program further develops K-2 staff with Numeracy skills and understanding to assist students to embed those vital counting skills. The staff have one more session of training and then it will be ‘hands on’ in the classrooms. You will be able to see the ‘10’ program at work in Week 8 during our classroom open day.

Stages 2 and 3 have been busy with the Premiers Spelling Bee and preparing for the Zone Athletics Carnival to be held this week.

The Stage 2-3 excursion has been finalised and notes will go out this week.

We have finalised our activities for Week 8

Wednesday…open classrooms….Literacy in the morning session and Numeracy from 12-1

We would love you to visit our classrooms and participate in the lessons and activities planned.

Thursday….Fitness activities followed by fabulous food tasting (organised by the P and C)

Friday...Assembly…..Book Parade and Book Fair. The Library will have classroom displays relating to Book Week….please visit before or after our Assembly and Book Parade.

We will have the Book Fair running for Weeks 7 and 8 (29th August – 9th September) to allow students to have a good look at the books on display that they may like to purchase….

We hope you will take the opportunity to visit us and join in our activities…

A Reminder…..

Father’s Day Stall Thursday 31st Aug and Friday 1st September....

Donations of gifts for Dads are needed for sale at the stall !! Please drop your gifts into the front office as soon as possible to allow the ‘wrappers’ time to prepare for the stall which is fast approaching!!

Items this year will range in price

from 50c to $8

\*\*Clean baby food tins are required for the Father’s Day Stall…if you can assist PLEASE drop your tins in at the front office.

Salt Ash Public School….Keys to success

One of the keys to success at Salt Ash Public School is organisation….along with persistence…getting along and confidence.

To be ‘organised’ and ready to learn and make the most of every day at school students need to come to school equipped to learn. All classes are experiencing lost time as many students are not organised with the essentials…pens, pencils, GLUE STICKS and scissors. These items can be purchased from the office.

Many students also arrive at school with blunt pencils and time is lost sharpening pencils ready for use. Please assist us by ensuring that your child/children are ready to learn. It makes for a more productive and less disrupted learning timeline.

Week 5… Term 3

Mon Aug 15th Active After School Sport…Soccer

Tues Aug 16th Uniforms

Thurs Aug 17th Active After School Sport…Rugby League

Friday Aug 19th Assembly @ 9:00am

Zone Athletics

Week 6…. Term 3

Mon Aug 22nd Active After School

Sport …Soccer

Wed Aug 24th P and C Meeting @

7:oopm

Thurs Aug 25h Active After School

Sport…Rugby

Friday Aug 26th Assembly @ 9:00am

Zone Athletics Track

Don’t forget to bring your Woolies and Coles Vouchers to the office !!!!!

**News…..Kindergarten**

Kindergarten have had fun in Maths during the last fortnight. We learnt all about 3D shapes and created great models with blocks and shapes from around the room. Please check out the office foyer for some our pictures and stories. There are also photos on our blog. This week we had races to learn about ordinal numbers. We have also been playing games with dominos. Thank you to those children who have brought in their cardboard cylinders, we will be making our project very soon. Thank you to the mothers who have volunteered to listen to reading in our groups. It is much appreciated. Award winners will be recognised in the next newsletter.

**P.S .**Don't forget to consider adopting a reading book!

**News….Year 2**

Year Two have been very busy. We have been working on information reports and are becoming very clever and creative in our thinking. It has been wonderful to see the students excited about putting their spin on the information they have collected. This week also saw us looking at noun groups.

 In maths we have been working on two strategies for working out the difference between numbers. We have enjoyed playing the game 'Diffy Towers'. Be sure to ask someone in Year 2 to show you this game.

 Just a gentle reminder to continue with home reading.  Every night, reading 10 minutes out loud should really help to increase confidence and skills.

**News… Stage 2**

Stage 2 children entered the Premiers Spelling Challenge last week. It is not an easy task to stand up in front of your peers and participate in a competition.  All the contestants did extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts.  For those families that frequent Bi-Lo Supermarket in Medowie be sure to look out for the artistic talents of Stage 2. They have been asked to contribute a poster to announce the Coles Sports Vouchers that are being shared among local schools in the Medowie area from Bi-Lo customers.

I am pleased to finally announce our Stage 2 and 3 Excursion for term 4 is to Sydney and has been finalised. A letter will be out this week for expressions of interest and a deposit of monies.

Awards this fortnight have been awarded to

**Merit:** Charlie Snodgrass, Tarnie O'Hanlon-Vidler

**Salties/ Values:** Jared Robinson, Sierra Nowlan

Sports: Belle Niki

**Stage 3**

Well done to the students who recited poetry at last week’s assembly for our Stage 3 assembly item. We have settled into our term’s work and

are enjoying researching new subjects as well as building our general knowledge so that we can build on our skills to produce texts that inform.

The students are excited about their current COG’s task where they are creating their own news report using the schools digital resources. Beware for some strange climatic events in Salt Ash as the local news crew cross live to a range of natural disasters.

Finally, good luck to all students who will represent the school at the Zone Athletics Track & Field this week. There have been lots of students training hard in preparation for their events and deserve to do well.

Merit Award winners this week were Rose Priestly and Brady Donnelly. Salty and Value

went to Tara Broadfoot and Adam Grant. Finally, the Sports Award winners were Georgia Cromartyand Corey Jack.

Premiers Spelling Bee.

Salt Ash Public School nominated to participate in this year’s Premier Spelling Bee. Our in-school competition was held last week to determine four representatives to participate at the Regional Final. Close to thirty students participated over two days in an exciting and

nerve-racking contest. The winners of the junior category were Riley Bevan and Tarnie Vidler.

Our senior representatives will be Isabell Plunkett and Tara Broadfoot. Well done to everyone who participated

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